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LETTER DATED 31 JULY 1997 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 28 July 1997 (A/51/952-S/1997/592) regarding your decision to appoint Ambassador Lakhdar Brahimi as Special Envoy of the Secretary-General to undertake a short-term mission in order to consult interested and relevant countries and parties, as well as the Organization of Islamic Conference, on their positions and proposals related to peacemaking efforts in Afghanistan, has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They welcome the decision contained in your letter.

The members of the Security Council express their full support for the Special Envoy in the fulfilment of his mission.

The members of the Security Council look forward to being kept closely informed of the work of the Special Envoy.

(Signed) Peter OSVALD
President of the Security Council

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